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In re application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

For: High Throughput Screening Assay Systems in Microscale Fluidic Devices

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following amendments and consider the following remarks. Please note that this preliminary amendment copies claims 1-8 and 10-17 from US Patent No. 6,103,199 (the '199 patent) by Bjornson, with certain modifications as noted below. The following documents are submitted herewith:

1. a courtesy copy of US Patent No. 6,103,199 for the Examiner's convenience
2. a continuation application with declaration, assignment, powers of attorney, change of correspondence address (all from parent case)
3. an IDS with 1449 and 892 forms from parent applications USSN 08/671,987 (now U.S. Patent 5,942,443) filed June 28, 1996 and USSN 09/346,660, filed July 1, 1999.
4. Table 1 providing support for copied claims.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel ~~claims~~ 1-74 without prejudice and add new claims 75-90.